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New ITV Studios Continuing Drama Training Scheme

ITV Studios, Directors UK and Creative Skillset are delighted to announce a new Multi-Camera Directors Training initiative.

In December, ITV Continuing Drama will be delivering a Multi-Camera Drama Directing Workshop giving ten potential new multi-camera directors an insight into what goes into making their popular shows such as Emmerdale and Coronation Street.

The training week will offer emerging drama directors an introduction to the principles of shooting multi-camera with an opportunity to direct a scene in a fully crewed Emmerdale studio. It is the aim of the course to give a broad understanding that will help individuals shape their future careers and hopefully open the door on to similar productions in the future.

John Whiston, Managing Director of ITV Continuing Drama, says: "Emmerdale and Coronation Street and are at the heart of British cultural life. Not only do they entertain a global population on a nightly basis, they continue to employ, train and nurture a huge population of programme making talent. We are delighted to be offering a new training opportunity with us."

Andrew Chowns, CEO of Directors UK, says: "We are delighted to be supporting ITV Studios in delivering this new training initiative. Schemes such as this are essential to discovering and developing new directing talent."

The scheme is aiming to develop a more diverse directing talent pool and would particularly welcome applications from women and members of the BAME communities, as these are under-represented groups within the industry and within the soap directing community. The scheme will be run by ITV Studios supported by Directors UK and Creative Skillset. Full details for applicants can be found on the Directors UK website: www.directors.uk.com

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Notes to Editors:

- **DIRECTORS UK** is the single voice of British screen directors representing the creative, economic and contractual interests of 6,000 members – the overwhelming majority of working film and television directors in the UK. DIRECTORS UK campaigns for the rights, working conditions and status of directors in the industry and works closely with fellow organisations in the UK, Europe and around the world to represent directors' rights and concerns. It also promotes excellence in the craft of direction both nationally and internationally.
- **About the Skills Investment Funds** - Working in partnership with industry and informed by leading research, Creative Skillset directs collective investment through the Skills Investment Fund to create new and innovative training in priority skills and in-demand roles to ensure growth in the UK's Creative Industries.
- **About Creative Skillset** - Creative Skillset empowers the Creative Industries to develop skills and talent; it does this by influencing and shaping policy, ensuring quality and by securing the vital investment for individuals to become the best in their field and for businesses to grow. As the industry skills body for the Creative Industries, they work across film, television, radio, animation, games, visual effects, fashion, textiles, publishing, advertising, marketing communications and performing arts. www.creativeskillset.org

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